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1 Wednesday Morning Session, January 27, 2001. 3 4 EXAMINER STENMAN: The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has assigned for this time and б place Case No. 09-859-TR-CVF, being in the matter of the request for Steven Holliday for an administrative 8 hearing. My name is Katie Stenman and with me is 10 Scott Farkas, we are the Attorney Examiners assigned 11 by the Commission to hear this case. 12 At this time I'd like to take appearances 13 of the parties starting with staff. 14 MS. PARROT: Good morning, your Honors. 15 On behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities 16 Commission of Ohio, Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney 17 General, Duane W. Lucky, Section Chief, by Sarah J. 18 Parrot and Thomas G Lindgren, Assistant Attorneys 19 General, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 20 EXAMINER STENMAN: And, Mr. Holliday, if 21 you'd identify yourself. 22 MR. HOLLIDAY: Steven Holliday, 5311 2.3 Duncan Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 24 EXAMINER STENMAN: How do you spell your

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last name?

5 1 MR. HOLLIDAY: H-o-l-l-i-d-a-y. 2 EXAMINER STENMAN: Thank you, 3 Mr. Holliday. And at this time I just want to make sure that you're choosing to go forward without an attorney. You know you could have retained counsel 6 if you so chose. 8 MR. HOLLIDAY: Okay, I didn't know, but, yes. 10 And you're choosing to EXAMINER STENMAN: 11 go forward at this point? 12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Right, correct. 13 EXAMINER STENMAN: Have you been to one 14 of these proceedings before? 15 MR. HOLLIDAY: No, I have not. 16 EXAMINER STENMAN: Just for clarity 17 what's going to happen, the Attorney General will 18 have a chance to call her witnesses, she'll ask them 19 questions and then you'll have an opportunity to ask 20 questions of those witnesses. 21 When she's done with her case then you'll 22 have an opportunity to make a statement if you so 23 choose, and then she'll have the ability to ask 24 questions of you.

Okay.

MR. HOLLIDAY:

6 1 EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have any 2 questions before we get started? 3 MR. HOLLIDAY: No, I do not. EXAMINER STENMAN: We ready to proceed? 5 You may call your first witness. MS. PARROT: The staff calls Officer 6 7 Robert Kernik to the witness stand. 8 (Witness sworn.) 10 ROBERT KERNIK 11 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 12 examined and testified as follows: 13 DIRECT EXAMINATION 14 By Ms. Parrot: 15 Good morning, Officer Kernik. Would you Ο. 16 please state and spell your name for the record? Robert Kernik. Last name K-e-r-n-i-k. 17 Α. 18 Q. Thank you. 19 And your business address please? 20 That would be Cambridge, Ohio. State Α. 21 Highway Patrol Post 30. 22 Are you also employed by the State Q. 23 Highway Patrol I assume? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Q. How long have you been employed by the

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- A. Well, ten years with Public Utilities

 Commission and 13 years and six months with the State

 Highway Patrol.
- Q. What is your title or in what capacity are you employed with the Patrol?
 - A. Motor carrier enforcement officer.
 - Q. Thank you.

And would you please tell us what your job duties are?

- A. Motor carrier inspection regarding trucking industry.
 - Q. And generally what does that encompass?
- A. Enforcing Federal Motor Carrier regulations.
- Q. What equipment has been issued to you so that you may perform your job?
- A. Laptop computer, cruisers, training.

 Creepers so you can get underneath for level 1

 inspection to check the brakes and things. Copy of
 the Federal Motor Carrier regulations and the hazmat
 regulations.
- Q. And the uniform that you're wearing today as well?
 - A. Yes.

Q. Thank you.

- What part of the state are you assigned to patrol?
 - A. District 7.
 - O. And what counties does that include?
- A. Monroe, Belmont, Guernsey, Noble,
 Washington, Muskingum, Tuscarawas, Jefferson,
 Harrison, Carroll Counties.
 - Q. Do you hold any certifications or have you received any special training?
 - A. Yes. We're sent to North American

 Vehicle Inspection Level 1 inspection course, hazmat
 inspection course, all packaging inspection, motor
 coaches inspection course. Yearly in-service
 training and periodic training throughout the year in
 the event there's any changes in regulations.
 - Q. Were you on duty on May 27 of 2009?
 - A. Yes, I was.
 - Q. And on that date did you have occasion to inspect a vehicle operated by Appliance Warehouse and driven by Steven Holliday?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. And what prompted you to conduct an inspection?
 - A. That day we were working at the Cambridge

- scales facilities and when I finished a truck, I came back in and next available truck that comes down that I'd like to inspect I had pull around back. I have a USSP number 5 truck come across the ramp.
- Q. And that's the reason that you stopped this particular vehicle that day?
 - A. Yes.

- O. Was that based on --
- A. When I finished my last inspection I come back in and when I got ready, I count to number 5 and then there's a different listing on here for the reason code which I didn't find out till I got to the back and entered their DOT number into my laptop computer. Give me an ISSS.
 - Q. What does that score represent?
- A. That score represents company safety rating from good, optional, to must inspect.
- Q. And so based on the score for this vehicle --
- A. That is the reason code on the inspection, yes. On DOT.
- Q. And you're referring to a report. Is that a report that you generated during the course of this inspection?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. And would you please just generally describe what that report -- what type of information it contains?
- A. Okay, level 1 inspection, that consists of measurements, brake measurements on the truck, driver interview, checking insurance and everything on the truck. And company insurance. General safety on the truck.
- Q. And it would note any violations that you find during the course of the inspection?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Thank you.
- MS. PARROT: May I approach the witness, your Honors?
- EXAMINER STENMAN: Sure.
- MS. PARROT: Your Honor, at this time I
 would like to mark for identification purposes Staff
 Exhibit 1.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: It will be so marked.
- 20 (Exhibit marked.)
- MS. PARROT: And, Mr. Holliday, do you
 have a copy of what's been marked as Staff Exhibit 1
 before you?
- MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes.
- MS. PARROT: Thank you.

By Ms. Parrot:

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- Q. Officer Kernik, would you please direct your attention to what's been marked as Staff Exhibit 1. Do you recognize this document?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And would you identify it for us please?
 - A. This is the inspection that I produced.
 - Q. And this report was prepared by you?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And was it prepared as part of your official job duties?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. You've given us an overview of the type of information it contains. Would you please tell us how you prepared this report?
- A. After I pulled the truck first thing I go around back, I have to give a plate number off either the tractor or the trailer with -- let them know I'm signal 3.

And I proceed to enter the DOT number or the motor carrier number on the truck in the Aspen program, which brings up general information; company's name and address.

Then I approach the driver, explain to him why I pulled -- wouldn't let him go through, and

ask for documents that I need from the driver; license, medical card, bills of lading if they're loaded, truck registration, logbook if they need one.

And then I go back to my car -- cruiser and enter that information and I go back and I start the inspection process. Which starts with the lights, everything, check the general outside, tires and everything.

Then on the level 1 last thing I'll do is get underneath the truck on the creeper and start going back and measure all the brakes, write down all that information. Go back to my cruiser and then start listing any violations that I noted.

- Q. Thank you.
 - You mentioned Aspen software I believe?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Or an Aspen program?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Is that something that's issued to you as part of your job?
- A. Yes. That's the program that's in our laptop computers for the purpose of conducting the inspections.
- Q. So you use that laptop and that Aspen software to prepare this report?

A. Yes.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Just for clarity, what does Aspen stand for if you know?

THE WITNESS: No.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Okay.

EXAINER FARKAS: But it's a federal

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THE WITNESS: Yes, it's federal.

- Q. Is this report in a standard format that's used for all drivers and carrier inspections?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And please take a moment to look at Staff Exhibit 1. Is it an accurate representation of the actual report that was issued to you -- or, issued by you that day?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What do you do after this report has been prepared?
- A. After I note all violations if any and then I print off a copy and approach the driver again and explain to him what violations I found and any problems that might have to be taken care of right there and whether the vehicle or driver or both were out of service.
 - Q. And is a copy of the report given to the

- driver as well?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. Do you also send a copy of this report to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio?
- A. Yes. Completion of the day's work I get into the completed files transfer, tag my inspections, and then upload them to Columbus.
- Q. So it's uploaded through your computer system.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. I'd like to just briefly walk through the report itself. And let's start in the upper right corner. I see there's a report number. Would you please tell us what that represents?
- A. That is report number in sequence of each inspection that I do, which would be the last four digits.
- Q. And the first four digits I believe are your badge number; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. The inspection date was May 27, 2009; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And then it looks like we also have a time that the inspection started and ended.

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- Q. And you already mentioned that this was a level 1 full inspection.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. I think already described for us what that entails, so thank you for doing that.

Let's move down to the next section of the report. What do we see there?

- A. Appliance Warehouse on the left corner would be the company's name, Appliance Warehouse, address, phone number, and their USDOT number, and off to right a little bit is their motor carrier number.
 - Q. How do you obtain that information?
 - A. Off the side of the vehicle.
 - Q. Thank you.
- A. Through their regulation they have to have the markings on it.
 - O. Over to the right?
- A. Driver's name, license number and birth date and state.
 - Q. How do you obtain --
 - A. Ask for the driver's license.
 - Q. All right, thank you.
- Let's move down to the location

- information. Do you see that?
- A. Yes.

- Q. And please tell us where this inspection occurred.
- A. Okay, this occurred at permit scale in Cambridge, Ohio on Interstate 70, and it was westbound scale.
- Q. Westbound? And it looks like it occurred in Guernsey County; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. The vehicle identification information, how do you obtain --
- A. The tractor -- through tractor registration. On the trailer I normally get that information from registration and the vehicle identification.
- Q. Continuing down I see you have some brake adjustments noted there.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And those were findings that you made as a result of the inspection of the vehicle's brakes?
- A. Yes, chamber size, the actual size of the brake chamber and the allowable amount that that push rod is allowed to travel when the service brakes are bad.

Q. Let's look at the violation section in the middle of the report. And I see you've noted a number of violations there and it looks like the first several violations are brake related violations; is that correct?

A. Yes.

- Q. And those are actually not at issue today in this proceeding so I'd like to ask you if you would move down to the very last violation you've noted. And please kind of walk us from the left side of the report over to the right and tell us what we have there.
- A. The violation section code is in our Aspen program which would be Federal Motor Carrier Regulation 391.11. It is a driver's violation. That would be under "Unit." And the "OOS" is out of service, "Y" meaning yes.
 - Q. So this was an out of service violation?
- A. Yes. In our Federal Motor Carrier. Upon examination of the driver's license they had a corrected lens restriction on his license on the CDL not to be operated without.

Also on our Leads program which is also in our computers, we run driver's license and check for validity, that restriction also showed up on

there.

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I asked the driver if he had his glasses with him, did not. I always ask do you wear -- if they don't have them, do you have contacts in. He did not. And at no time did he produce a pair of glasses. So I knew that I had no recourse but to place the driver out of service

- Q. And what does that mean when you place the driver out of service for this type of violation?
- A. He cannot drive that vehicle until that out of service issue is lifted.
 - Q. Thank you.
- A. That's the only way that would be able to happen. He would have to produce a pair of glasses.
- Q. And so at no time during the inspection from the beginning of the inspection to the end did the driver present you with a pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- A. No. If they do then he would have been released.
- Q. And again, you noted that some type of corrective lenses were required based on a restriction on the CDL, the commercial driver's license; is that correct?
 - A. Yes.

Q. Thank you very much.

And at the bottom of the report I see that it notes that the report was prepared by you. Correct?

A. Yes.

- Q. And that a copy was given to the driver, Mr. Holliday.
 - A. Yes.

MS. PARROT: Thank you very much.

I believe I have no further questions for the witness, your Honor.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Mr. Holliday, do you have any questions for Officer Kernik?

MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, and we go back to the violation code 391.11 in which we were here in which he stated at no point did I ever have glasses. I did have glasses and I showed them to Officer Kernik.

EXAMINER STENMAN: You're going to have an opportunity to make a statement. This is your opportunity to ask questions of the witness if you have any for him.

MR. HOLLIDAY: None, no.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Okay.

MS. PARROT: I would move for the admission of Staff Exhibit 1 at this time.

EXAMINER STENMAN: We have a couple of questions for the witness.

EXAMINATION

5 By Examiner Stenman:

- Q. First of all, going back, you stated you got a company score from the Aspen program?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. What is that?
- A. That's a safety rating that is issued to the company by the number of inspections generated across the United States. Always goes into Federal Motor Carrier Department of Transportation,
 Washington, DC, and Federal Department of Transportation based on the company's previous history of violations issued, and the score from 1 to 100, 100 being the worst, 1 being the best on safety.
- Q. And then what do you do with those scores?
- A. That's how we determine to put on our reason code. You can use that process if we're at a laptop or computer inside the scales we can set their DOT numbers and we get a high score, we use that as the reason for the inspection.
 - Q. And in this case was that one of the

reasons for the inspection?

- A. In this case when I come in I didn't have access to that computer when I come in. I got ready to do another inspection, I have a USSP, which is Unified Safety Selection Process, and I myself it's fifth truck coming across the scale pad.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. Once I get ready to do another inspection --
- Q. And moving on, what happened after you placed Mr. Holliday out of service?
- A. I informed him that he could not drive the vehicle, first of all, with the corrective lens not being worn, and also the out of service condition regarding his brakes on the truck.

And had him -- instructed him to park -- we always park our vehicles at one end of our parking lot at the scales. And if we can assist them in way, we will.

- Q. Do you know what happened after that, if someone just came and --
- A. No, I do not. I go back to doing my job basically.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have any questions?

22 1 2 EXAMINATION 3 By Exainer Farkas: 4 Ο. So after the completion of your 5 inspection you put him out of service, did he back б the truck up or leave it there or what happened? 7 He parked the truck in the designated Α. 8 area where I instructed him to. And then did you see him leave or --Ο. 10 No. Α. 11 That was the end of your inspection. Ο. 12 Α. I went about my normal day. 13 MS. PARROT: If I may just to maybe 14 clarify a point. 15 EXAMINER STENMAN: Yes. 16 17 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 By Ms. Parrot: 19 Officer Kernik, I just want to be sure 20 the record is clear in terms of why you stopped this 21 particular vehicle for an inspection. 22 Sounds like initially you made the stop 23 based on a statistical selection process; is that

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                 MS. PARROT: Thank you. Nothing further.
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                 EXAMINER STENMAN: Mr. Holliday, do you
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     have any questions based on those questions?
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                 MR. HOLLIDAY: No. I'm fine with it.
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                 EXAMINER STENMAN: Okay.
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                 MS. PARROT: I would renew my motion to
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     admit Staff Exhibit 1 into the record.
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                 EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have any
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     objections to Staff Exhibit 1 being admitted?
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                 MR. HOLLIDAY: Not at all.
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                 EXAMINER STENMAN: Staff Exhibit 1 will
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     be admitted.
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(Exhibit admitted.)

24 1 EXAMINER STENMAN: You're excused. 2 You may call your next witness. 3 MS. PARROT: At this time the staff calls 4 Jonathan Frye to the witness stand. 5 (Witness sworn.) 6 EXAMINER STENMAN: Mr. Holliday, do you 7 have any objections to the amount or the manner in 8 which the fine was calculated? MR. HOLLIDAY: I do but at that point in time I'll hold until we are done here. I do have an 10 11 objection to the amount.

12 EXAMINER STENMAN: Okay. Please have a 13 seat.

14 (Witness sworn.)

15 EXAMINER STENMAN: Ms. Parrot, you may go 16 ahead.

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18 JONATHAN FRYE

19 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 20 examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 By Ms. Parrot:

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- 0. Good morning, Mr. Frye.
- 24 A. Good morning.
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- A. Jonathan, J-o-n-a-t-h-a-n, Frye, F-r-y-e.
- Q. Thank you.
 - What's your business address?
- A. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180
 East Broad Street, 4th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- Q. And is the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio your employer?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And how long have you been employed with the Commission?
 - A. Approximately 20 years.
- Q. In what capacity are you currently employed?
 - A. I'm the Chief of the Compliance Division.
 - O. And what do your duties as chief involve?
- A. To supervise compliance officers, to review the assessments that are assessed against drivers, shippers, and carriers.
- Q. And have you received any special type of training or do you hold certifications that help you perform your job?
- A. I've gone through the North American out of service training, hazardous materials training, and bulk packaging training.

Q. Thank you.

I believe you mentioned that you review assessments that are made against carriers and drivers. Would you please tell us more about how that process works?

- A. Once the inspection occurs, the inspector will upload the information into our mainframe.

 Based upon the violations that were written, the code cites that are written, we have a monetary amount that corresponds to the code cite that's written.

 The computer will generate a fine based upon the code site. A letter is generated and sent to the carriers or drivers.
- Q. As part of your official duties have you had the opportunity to review the staff's file for this case?
 - A. Yes.

MS. PARROT: May I approach the witness?

EXAMINER STENMAN: You may.

- Q. Mr. Frye, I have handed you what's been marked as Staff Exhibit No. 1 for identification purposes. Do you recognize this document?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Would you identify it for us please?
 - A. It is a Driver/Vehicle Examination

Report.

- Q. And is this report regularly maintained by the Commission staff in the ordinary course of its business?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Would you please tell us how this report reaches the Commission?
- A. It's uploaded into our mainframe by the inspector who generates the report or who conducts the report or the inspection. And the information is downloaded into our computer system and the computer based upon particular code cite will assess a fine associated with the code cite that's written.
 - Q. And then what happens at that point?
- A. After the -- after a fine is generated we will print off a letter. A letter is sent to the driver by certified mail that tells -- that informs the driver that they have the opportunity to either pay the fine or to request a telephone conference to discuss it further.
 - Q. Thank you.

If you would please direct your attention to the middle of the first page of Staff
Exhibit No. 1, there's a section headed "Violations."

Do you see that?

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- Q. It looks like there were a number of violations that were cited in this case. For which of these violations did the staff elect to assess civil forfeiture?
 - A. For 391.11.
- Q. And why is that violation the only one that has resulted in the assessment of a forfeiture in this case?
- A. Because the particular code cite is a cite to the driver himself. So we will assess a monetary fine to the driver.
 - Q. Thank you very much.

And I believe you've mentioned that that fine amount is determined based on the particular code section that's been cited; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

MS. PARROT: May I approach the witness again, your Honor?

EXAMINER STENMAN: You may.

- Q. Mr. Frye, I've handed to you a copy of what's been marked as Staff Exhibit No. 2.
- MS. PARROT: And, your Honor, I would request that this document be so marked at this time.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: It will be so marked.

(Exhibit marked.)

- Q. Mr. Frye, do you recognize this document?
- A. Yes.

- Q. And would you identify it for us please?
- A. It is the Compliance Division's fine schedule.
- Q. What type of information does this document contain?
- A. It contains four different groups along with the various code cites from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and in addition to the code cites it contains the monetary dollar amount that should be assessed in the event that a driver or carrier is cited.
- Q. And would you please tell us how this document was used to determine the amount of the forfeiture that's been assessed in this case?
- A. Yes. Based upon the fact that the driver was issued a violation of 391.11, it would fall into our fines or the violations are broken up into groups 1 through 4.

Typically group 4 violations are miscellaneous types of violations and their dollar amount can range anywhere from \$100 on up to \$1,000. And it's based upon a Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety

1 Alliance recommended fine schedule as well.

So when -- in this particular case the driver was cited for 391.11 violation. On page 3 of the fine schedule under "Section" it has 391.11, should be a group 4 violation, and then next to it says "Driver qualification," there's \$250 assessment for that type of violation.

Q. Thank you.

Is Staff Exhibit No. 2 regularly maintained by the Commission staff in the ordinary course of business?

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- Q. And was this fine schedule in effect for inspections occurring on May 27, 2009?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. What actually is the effective date of this fine schedule?
 - A. October 1, 2008.
- Q. And you're looking at page 1 of Staff
 Exhibit No. 2; is that correct --
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. -- for that information?
- A. That's correct.
 - Q. And I believe you mentioned that the dollar amounts here are consistent with the standards

- of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance; is that correct?
 - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. And the process that you've described for assessing forfeitures, is that also consistent with the recommendations of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Is this fine schedule used consistently by your staff in assessing forfeitures against drivers and carriers?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And was the forfeiture in this particular case properly determined in your opinion?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Is the \$250 amount reasonable in your opinion?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And is that the amount that you would recommend to the Commission?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. I believe you also mentioned that letters are generated and mailed to carriers and drivers; is that correct?
 - A. That's correct.

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Q. And was a letter mailed in this case to Mr. Holliday to inform him of the assessment of the forfeiture?
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MS. PARROT: May I approach the witness, your Honor?

EXAMINER STENMAN: You may.

MS. PARROT: Your Honor, at this time I would ask that Staff Exhibit No. 3 be marked for identification purposes.

EXAMINER STENMAN: It will be so marked.

(Exhibit marked.)

- Q. Mr. Frye, do you recognize what's been marked as Staff Exhibit No. 3?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. Would you identify it?
- A. It is the Notice of Apparent Violation
 Intent to Assess Forfeiture letter.
 - Q. What's the purpose of this letter?
- A. To advise respondent, the driver, of our intent to assess a forfeiture and to provide him with notice of that.

To also inform him that he has the option of either paying the violation or to make a request for a conference to dispute the violation.

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- A. Yes.
- Q. And what is the purpose of this letter?
- A. To advise the respondent driver of our findings and to provide him with notice about he can either pay the fine or how he can go about contesting the monetary amount and the violation, the next level.
- Q. And is Staff Exhibit No. 4 regularly maintained by the Commission staff in the ordinary course of business?
 - A. Yes.
- MS. PARROT: I have no further questions for this witness, your Honor.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: Mr. Holliday, you have any questions for this witness?
- MR. HOLLIDAY: No, I do not at this time.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: The Bench has nothing.
- 19 You are excused.
- MS. PARROT: At this time the staff would
 move for the admission of Staff Exhibits No. 2, 3,
 and 4.
- EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have any
- objections, Mr. Holliday?
- MR. HOLLIDAY: No, I do not.

1 EXAMINER STENMAN: Staff Exhibits No. 2, 2 3, and 4 will be admitted. 3 (Exhibits admitted.) MS. PARROT: The staff has no further 4 witnesses, your Honor. 6 EXAMINER STENMAN: Does this complete 7 your case then? 8 MS. PARROT: It does, your Honor. EXAMINER STENMAN: Mr. Holliday, I'm 10 assuming you don't have any witnesses. If you'd like 11 to make a statement? 12 MR. HOLLIDAY: Yes, I would. 13 EXAMINER STENMAN: Why don't you come up 14 here and take the stand, we'll swear you in. 15 (Witness sworn.) 16 EXAMINER STENMAN: You can go ahead and 17 have a seat and you can make your statement when 18 you're ready. 19 20 STEVEN HOLLIDAY 21 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 22 examined and testified as follows: 23 DIRECT TESTIMONY 24 THE WITNESS: My question basically is 25 going to fall on with Exhibit 1. As we heard Officer Kernik say, this commercial vehicle was put out of service and if we go back to Exhibit 1 of being on put out of service and could not operate this vehicle.

I drove that vehicle off that day. With glasses, and with brakes repaired. So therefore I had glasses, and I had also the brakes repaired which he signed off on which he should have a letter.

I went to Officer Kernik when he first inspected the vehicle when he did his initial walk-around and I said I knew I had them when I came across the scale, I set them on my bag. After he wrote this vehicle up, went back, they had fell off because they had sat on the scales for so long.

And when I -- after coming back and he did the initial around and I gave him my license and my DOT medical card, he never asked me for glasses.

It was upon after doing the brake inspection as noted in the violations portion is when he asked me the letter and said that he was putting me out of service.

When he went back to the building, upon going back to the building I walked back over and I opened the passenger side door, that's when I found my glasses. I showed them to Officer Kernik, he said

well, you still can't go nowhere until a mechanic comes.

And that was the problem, I was going through my bag looking for my phone to call the company to let them know that I had been put out of service for the brakes. And that's when I found the glasses on the other side because that's, as I say, I stayed on the scales entirely too long behind an oversized and I never drove the vehicle but from the scales back to the back.

Because I knew I was on -- I knew that it was empty and I knew I had just got the tractor back on Monday, which we rent from Ryder, and the trailer was just inspected on Saturday. And at that point I knew it shouldn't have been any violations, but he found the violations.

And if you look at the glasses which should have been first, if he had asked me right then and there, it wouldn't have fell after he done the inspection initially.

So that's my point in being here today.

If you say I was out of service because of glasses, I would have never been able to leave.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have anything else?

THE WITNESS: That's all I have to say today.

Oh, one more thing, I understand that Federal Motor Carriers have pretty much set, as he said, a set standard fee, but for brakes and violations you get \$150, and to have glasses and just not have them at that particular moment or when asked because you can't find them, you get \$250. It's kind of excessive. So but what can you do.

EXAMINATION

By Examiner Stenman:

Q. Okay. I just want to clarify what you're telling me here.

You're saying that he never asked you about your glasses, that's your position.

A. He asked me -- after he inspected the vehicle he asked me for my driver's license, he -- my driver's license and DOT medical, which they normally do. And I gave it to him.

We did the complete walk-around. He said I'm going to inspect the vehicle. He went up under the hood, up under the back, I sat there and I adjusted the brakes.

When he came back to me after this was

done that's when he asked me for the glasses. That's why the last thing on here was the glasses.

- Q. And what did you say when he asked you?
- A. I said I know I have them, because I know I did. Once he went back up to the building I walked up with him, I came back, I opened the driver's side door and they were on the floor. Because like I said, reaching for my bag and pulling the stuff out of my bag calling my company, telling them I had been put out for violations, that's when I found it.

He rolled it up and handed me the paper right by his car. At that point he said would you back your vehicle up, as he said, facing the highway, which I did.

After they signed off of fixing the brake adjustments I had my glasses, I said Officer Kernik, I got the glasses here, they fixed the brakes, he said you're free to go.

- Q. So you didn't tell him you had the glasses though until after the brakes were fixed?
- A. No. No. No. This was before the brakes was fixed. This was before the brakes was fixed because I had to have an outside company come in.

But I had found the glasses. As soon as he handed me the paper and I went back to the -- I

mean before he handed me the paper because he had to go up to the office and ask the questions about something.

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And I went to back to the car -- back to the truck and then when I opened the passenger side door, that's when I seen the glasses. They had fell out of my bag. I told him I knew I had them because I was sitting right there with them waiting on the scales

- Q. So I'm just a little unclear, and this may be on my part. So you go to your vehicle, you open the door, you find your glasses. Do you then back the vehicle into the spot or do you --
 - A. I went back to Officer Kernik.
 - O. And you said "here."
 - A. "I found my glasses."

I had told him this from the initial before he had even written this up. And after he went back and he had to ask the officer about something. And he said well, you're still out of violation -- you're still in violation because of the brakes. And once the brakes -- I said well, I got the company on the way.

I backed up like he told me, backed into the hole with the nose facing I-70, and once he came

in he adjusted the brakes, he signed off saying okay, he let me go.

Because if I couldn't, I couldn't be able to drive. It would be almost just like driving without a driver's license.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Okay.

EXAMINATION

By Exainer Farkas:

- Q. So you're saying that the glasses were in --
 - A. They were in my bag -- they were on top of my bag. I set them on top of my bag because we were sitting on the scales as just -- I don't know if you know what a scale, actually a scale. And there was an oversize load up there and they kept him on the scales for so long.

I don't know why but they pulled him around and there was a truck in front of me, they pulled him around, they pulled me around.

And as I went forward, Officer Kernik the whole time was outside. Because I was sitting there watching him. I know Officer Kernik from previous encounters there.

And I pulled the plugs on the truck and I

walked over to him and at that point that's when he told me well, we're going to do an inspection on your vehicle today. He was not at the window, he was outside.

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- Q. And the glasses you're saying were in the cab of the vehicle?
 - A. Yes. They were on top of my bag.

Now, once he said give me your driver's license and DOT card and your books, I went inside, grabbed off the side of the door, gave him the book, gave him my license and DOT medical, did a basic walk-around. After he punched this information in he gave me my license back and my DOT medical card back. And he -- that was it.

Once he found the violations of the brakes, then he asked for my license again. He did not ask for the DOT medical card again. He just asked for my license. And that's when he asked about the glasses.

At that point, like I said, I'm scrambling for telephones so I can call the company and tell them that I had been put in violation.

So after he writes all this up he goes back to the office there and he's talking to another gentleman I guess, I don't know what it was. And I

went back to the truck.

When I opened the door to get my regular cell phone because I had gotten in touch to the company because they were going to call me on my cell phone to find out, that's when I noticed the glasses was right there on the floor, they had fallen off.

And I went back to him and said here. He said okay.

So after the guy comes, and like I said,
I backed the truck up. I backed the truck up and I
pulled it out of there after all the violations were
fixed.

- Q. So you -- are you saying you entered the scale with your glasses on?
- A. No, I did not. I did not cross the scale with the glasses on. Because like I said, we sat there so long I had them in my hand and after waiting on this oversize truck to leave, that's when I set them on my bag. Because I'm thinking we're going to roll.

But when he threw the red light on me, I just swung around the back. And obviously they must have fell off but that's where they were and I was looking everywhere because I knew I had them.

MS. PARROT: Just a few questions if I may.

EXAINER FARKAS: Just one more thing.

- Q. Are you saying then that you told him -- I think what you said is that when you showed him your glasses you say the officer said "okay"?
- A. Yes. Right. He did. I went inside and showed him my glasses. I said "Officer Kernik, here are my glasses." And he was like "Okay."

EXAINER FARKAS: Go ahead.

MS. PARROT: Thank you, your Honors.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION

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Q. Just to clarify a few points, make sure I understand your testimony correctly.

First off, you're not disputing you have a restriction on your driving privileges that requires you when operating a vehicle to wear either glasses or contacts?

- A. No. That was -- I've been having my license pretty much for 36 years. I've -- not only through the Ohio, I've been stopped and pulled over in pretty much every state that has a DOT place, I've never had a problem, and that's been like 36 years. As I said, no, never had a problem.
 - Q. So you've been required during those 36

years to wear glasses or contacts?

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A. Well, from the initial, yes. Yes. And I also keep either these or a pair of prescription reading glasses with me at all times anyway. Which I showed him. Was not my -- which is these glasses or a regular, but I have a pair of prescription glasses too.

EXAINER FARKAS: And "him" you're referring to the office, sir?

- A. I'm sorry, Officer Kernik. I'm sorry.
- Q. And I think the Bench has done a good job of trying to clarify the sequence of events, but I want to go over it one more time, make sure I understand.

So it was your testimony that you were wearing your glasses while you were on Interstate 70 driving.

- A. Right.
- Q. You reached the scales, you had your glasses on at that point and then you were waiting in a line of vehicles.
 - A. Right.
- Q. And at that point you removed your glasses.
 - A. That's when I removed my glasses. And

like I said, sitting on the scale, oversize, you've seen them on the highway, and why they had him up there so long, I don't know, but at that point it was like okay, what you going to do, either pull him or let us go.

And as I approached, like I said, when they took off, I rolled along five miles an hour, I had my glasses here. But when he swung me around and made me come to the back of the station, I pulled the plugs, I got out and I met him on the outside of the truck, and that's when he told me that they were going to do I guess level 1 inspection.

- Q. So while you were in the line waiting.
- A. Is when I removed my glasses.
- O. You removed them at that point.
- A. That is correct.

- Q. You set them on a bag or something?
- A. On my bag that I carry with my logbook.

 On top of the bag with the logbook.
- Q. And the glasses remained there it's your testimony until you found them later.
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So you did move your vehicle from the point at which you removed them when you were in the line.

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- Q. Moved the vehicle, then you were moved how far? To the point where you were inspected.
- A. Across the scale to the back, 15, 20 feet. If that far.
 - Q. Is that your testimony? I'm just asking for approximation.
 - A. Approximately 15, 20 feet.
 - Q. And so at that point the glasses were still over --
 - A. On the seat in the back.
 - Q. -- on the passenger side.
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. So then you were stopped, inspected, and then at that point you discovered glasses on the passenger side of the vehicle.
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. That's your testimony today?
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. And you also have testimony that you then presented those glasses to Officer Kernik.
 - A. That is correct. I mean he's here. I would have to -- because as I said, without glasses it's almost driving without a driver's license, which at that point he could hold me for forever until it

48 1 was proof of it. 2 Ο. Thank you. 3 MS. PARROT: May I have a moment, your 4 Honors? EXAMINER STENMAN: Go ahead. 6 (Off the record.) 7 MS. PARROT: We have no further questions 8 for the witness. Thank you. EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have anything 10 else, Mr. Holliday? 11 MR. HOLLIDAY: No, I do not. 12 EXAMINER STENMAN: You can step down. 13 MS. PARROT: Your Honor, if it's okay 14 with the Bench, I believe we would like to recall 15 Mr. -- officer Kernik for rebuttal testimony. 16 EXAMINER STENMAN: Go ahead. MS. PARROT: Staff calls again Officer 17 18 Kernik to the stand. 19 EXAMINER STENMAN: I'll just remind you, 20 Officer Kernik, that you're still under oath. 21 MS. PARROT: Thank you, your Honors. 22 Just a few follow-up questions. 23 24 25

ROBERT KERNIK

being previously duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined and testified as follows:

FURTHER DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Ms. Parrot:

- Q. Officer Kernik, if you'd please direct your attention to what's been marked as Staff Exhibit 1, the violations section, and particularly the order of violations that is listed there. Is there any particular reason for the order of the violations?
- A. Yes. I write the violations as I'm going through the inspection, on a separate notepad, 1 through whatever how many I find.
- Q. So they're listed there in the order that you discovered them during your inspection?
- A. Yes. License information is completion of the report I do after I get back into my cruiser. The first part on this DOT number, get the company information and stuff. Then I go ahead and do the inspection and get the documents.

After I'm done doing all the brakes and everything, then I get the documents and look at them, registration bills, when they apply, logbook, license, medical card.

And medical card all I have to do, look at the date on it, match the name, date of exam, date of registration. Take the license back to the car and get this and fill out the report.

After I enter the driver information running on Leads and verify that it's valid or not valid or any restrictions. That's why the driver violation would appear last.

- Q. Thank you for that explanation.

 Were you in the room when Mr. Holliday testified? Just now --
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. -- today?

 And so you heard his testimony
- A. Yes.
- Q. I believe he testified that he presented a pair of glasses to you at some point during the inspection, that he found them somewhere around the passenger side of his vehicle and that he presented those to you. Is that your recollection?
- A. It would not have been during the inspection. I would not have written the violation. When I asked about the glasses or contacts it is during the inspection. That's when I need to see those.

By the completion of the inspection they cannot produce their glass, contacts, then the violation. If the glasses were produced to me during the inspection, I would not have listed the violation. I need to see them upon command.

- Q. And he also I believed testified that he came to you at some point showing you a pair of glasses and that the brake violations had been remedied and you said something to the affect of "okay, you're free to go."
- MS. PARROT: I hope I'm not paraphrasing too much there.
 - Q. Is that your recollection?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. So you do recall that he came to you?
- A. Well, apparently if he left he had to show something if I was still there.
 - Q. But do you recall --
- A. Particularly in that day, that case at the end of the day, I don't recall. I've done probably close to a thousand inspections on other vehicles since then.
- Q. So you don't remember whether or not the out of service violations were remedied in this case?
 - A. Well, if he drove out of there they would

have had to been. But I could go back through my records to see if I issued a verification of vehicle repairs for brakes being out, but we have no such document for driver violation.

- Q. You don't personally recall witnessing Mr. Holliday driving the vehicle out of the scales?
 - A. No, I don't.

MS. PARROT: I believe I have no further questions.

EXAMINER STENMAN: So you don't remember

if he ever showed you glasses?

THE WITNESS: I don't remember. Just what I do during my inspection process beginning till I sign off.

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- Q. And before he -- and during when you put him out of service his vehicle would have been at the scales.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And in order to leave that scales he would have had to correct the out of service violation.
- A. Yes.

- Q. So he couldn't have moved the truck or the truck couldn't have been moved by anyone unless the out of service --
 - A. Not out on the public road.

- O. Not unless the violations were corrected.
- A. Unless the violations were corrected.
- Q. But you don't recall whether or not Mr. Holliday came to you and showed you his glasses at any time.
 - A. Not that particular day I don't.
- Q. Either during the inspection or after the inspection.
- A. No. He didn't -- certainly didn't produce them during the inspection because if he would have, I wouldn't have written the violation.
- Q. But after the inspection was completed you don't recall whether or not he came to you and showed you glasses.
- A. No, I don't recall it. Possibly did, I just, like I say, I do so many thousand inspections, it's hard to pick out one particular instance.
- Q. And it's your testimony though that even if he had produced glasses you wouldn't have removed that out of service violation because he didn't produce the glasses during the inspection?

A. During the inspection. The violation existed at the inspection time. From the time I asked for the glasses until I was complete with the inspection and signed off on it, gave him his copy of the inspection and informed him that he was out of service for the brakes, vehicle out of service, the brakes, and he was out of service for the glasses. And had him park the truck.

Had he -- he did not show me any glasses at the completion of the inspection. When I went up, Mr. Holliday, here's your copy of the inspection, blah, blah, you're out of service for these violations. Unfortunately you don't have your glasses, you're out of service. Park the truck.

He did not have them on him at that instance to show me. He brought them in later. I don't recall if he did then. I had -- then the out of service condition on him would have been lifted but the violation still existed because he did not have them during the inspection.

Q. And even if he wasn't -- strike that.

You put him out of service and he could not drive the commercial motor vehicle until he had glasses; is that correct?

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- Q. And but you don't recall whether or not he produced glasses.
- A. No, I don't recall that particular instance. He drove out of there and came back in then and he says I said let him go or I would not have let him go.
 - Q. And you don't recall whether he showed you glasses and you said okay.
 - A. No, I don't recall that. Very busy inside the buildings and things. And we have no documentation for verification forms for drivers because of an out of service condition.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Do you have any questions? Any follow-up?

MS. PARROT: No, your Honor.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Officer Kernik, you're excused.

Anything else from staff?

MS. PARROT: No, your Honor.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Anything else,

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MR. HOLLIDAY: No.

EXAMINER STENMAN: Seeing that we have nothing else to come before us at this time, this case will be submitted on the record and the hearing

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on 27th, January, 2010, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Julieanna Hennebert, Registered Professional Reporter and RMR and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires February 19, 2013.

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